Verification of strength of National Trade Unions

*118. SHRI RAM NATH KOVIND: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the result of recent verification of the respective strength of National Trade Unions has since been held back;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what are the verification scenario and by when the verification results are likely to be officially declared?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The results of the verification of membership of the Central Trade Union Organisations (CTUOs) have been processed according to the agreed procedure adopted by the Standing Committee of CTUOs. The Chief Labour Commissioner (Central) and Chairman of the Standing Committee has already requested the CTUOs to collect the provisional results either on 4th or 5th August, 1994 and point out errors/omissions, if any, with in a period of one month for rectification. These will be considered by the Standing Committee of CTUOs for finalisation of the result of the verification.

अवसंरचनात्मक निगरानी प्रभाग का कार्यकरण

*119. **चौधरी हरमोहन सिंह :**
श्री कनकसिंह मोहनसिंह मंगरोला :

क्या **योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या उनके मंत्रालय के अधीन अवसंरचनात्मक निगरानी प्रभाग कार्यरत है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस प्रभाग द्वारा गत वर्ष के दौरान कौन-कौन से कार्य किए गए हैं ; और

(ग) क्या यह सच है कि यह प्रभाग अपने उत्तरदायित्व को पूरा नहीं कर सका है ?

योजना और कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री गिरिधर गोमांगो) : (क) जी हां।

(ख) और (ग) कार्यक्रम कार्यान्वयन विभाग के आधारी संरचना प्रबोधन प्रभाग की मुख्य जिम्मेदारी 9 प्रमुख आधारी संरचना क्षेत्रों की अधिष्ठापित क्षमता, क्षमता उपयोग तथा उत्पादन का प्रबोधन करना है । ये प्रमुख क्षेत्र विद्युत, कोयला, इस्पात, रेलवे, नौवहन, दूरसंचार, उर्वरक, सीमेंट, तथा पेट्रोलियम हैं । इस प्रयोजन के लिए प्रभाग सम्बद्ध मंत्रालयों तथा सार्वजनिक क्षेत्र के उपक्रमों से सूचना और आंकड़े नियमित रूप से एकत्र करता है । इन्हें संकलित किया जाता है तथा चिन्ताजनक और उल्लेखनीय कार्यनिष्पादन के क्षेत्रों पर प्रकाश डालते हुए रिपोर्टों को प्रतिमास संबंधित सभी मंत्रालयों एवं अन्य प्राधिकरणों को प्रस्तुत किया जाता है । यह प्रभाग वार्षिक रिपोर्ट भी तैयार करता है । प्रभाग ने पिछले वर्ष के दौरान इस भूमिका को भली-भांति निष्पादित किया है । पिछले वर्ष के दौरान विभिन्न क्षेत्रों के बारे में इस प्रभाग द्वारा नोट तथा रिपोर्ट किए गए कुछ प्रमुख विषयों की जानकारी सभा पटल पर रखे जाने वाले अनुपत्र में दी गई है । [देखिए परिशिष्ट 171, अनुपत्र सं० 19]

Efforts to explore area of trade with South Africa

*120. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM:

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what efforts have been made

by Government to explore the areas of trade with South Africa; and

(b) what results have been achieved, stating the trade agreements, if any, signed by Government with South African Government?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE): (a) and (b) As soon as the embargo on the trade with South Africa was lifted last year, the Indian Government, industry and trade took immediate initiatives for expension of the bilateral trade. Studies were commissioned to identify possible areas of economic cooperation, Air India introduced a direct air service, diplomatic and counsellor relations were established. Indian industry and trade exchanged a series of delegations. As a result of these developments there has been a quantum jump in India's trade with South Africa from Rs. 4.93 crores in 1992-93 to Rs. 181.16 crores in 1993-94. Necessary steps are also being taken to formally sign a Trade Agreement with the Government of the Republic of South Africa. An exclusive Indian Exhibition is being held at Johannesburg, South Africa next month to create better awareness about a wide range of Indian manufacturers.

Committee to examine excise duty concession

723. SHRI O. P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government had constituted a committee to examine the passing of Excise Duty concessions given in the Budget to the people by the manufacturers;

(b) if so, the details of the committee so constituted and whether the committee has submitted the report and if so, the salient features of the report and the action taken by Government thereon;

(c) the names of the manufacturers who have not yet passed the Excise Duty concessions to the consumers and the action taken against them;

(d) whether there have been cases where manufacturers have not paid any Excise Duty but have charged the Excise Duty by way of increasing the rates of their products; and

(e) if so, the details of such manufacturers and the action Government propose to take/have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The Ministry of Finance, Department of Revenue has stated that the Central Board of Excise and Customs has not setup any Committee to examine the passing of Excise Duty concessions given in the Budget 1994-95, to the people by the manufacturers.

(b) to (e) Do not arise.

Change in procedure for issue of ration cards

724 SHRI AJIT P. K. JOGI: Will the Minister of CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal under its consideration to change the procedure for the issue of ration cards so as to prevent foreign nationals, specially Bangladeshi infiltrators, in getting such cards easily; and

(b) if not the details of the measures taken/proposed to be taken to prevent illegal migrants from Bangladesh getting ration cards?